

2011 Violin Society of America Annual Convention Schedule

All events will take place at the Crowne Plaza Timonium in Baltimore, Maryland.

Thursday, November 3, 2011

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Attendee Registration Hours – Main Lobby

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM: Vendor Registration and Set-Up

6:30 – 8:00 PM: Welcome Reception Hosted by Heritage Insurance

Friday, November 4, 2011

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM: Attendee Registration Hours – Main Lobby

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM: Exhibit Hall Hours (Hall will close from 1:30 – 2:30 PM for lunch) – Greenspring Ballroom

9:00 – 10:45 AM: Instrument & Bow Critiques Makers and repairers of ALL levels of experience are invited to bring projects, finished or “in progress,” to receive advice and direction from past judges, award winners, and educators. Critiques will be private and one on one. When you arrive and register for the convention, also check in to schedule an appointment.

11:00 AM: Experts’ Forum - Expert Panel Discussion with three of America’s leading experts on violin identification: Philip Kass, Christopher Reuning, and James Warren. They will share their thought processes and methods for identification of instruments. They will bring some instruments for exhibition and discussion and also invite the audience to bring an interesting Instrument to be discussed and possibly identified.

1:00 – 2:15 PM: Makers’ Forum

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This makers’ forum will include demonstrations or short presentations on narrow subjects within the scope of violinmaking, bowmaking, and repair. Several events will be going on in the same room, so be sure to stop by and see them all!

2:30 PM: Study Exhibit

4:00-5:00PM Critiques, (see 9:0AM)

5:30 – 7:30 PM: All Attendee Pizza Party, hosted our Vendors!

Saturday, November 5, 2011

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM: Attendee Registration Hours – Main Lobby

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM: Exhibit/Vendor Hall Hours (Hall will close from 1:30 – 2:30 PM for lunch)

9:00 AM – Noon: Betts Stradivari 1704 3D Panel/Lecture

The Betts Stradivari violin, one of the finest and most pure examples of the master's work, resides in the Library of Congress. It has recently been extensively studied, in old and new ways. This presentation will have extensive detail about the violin itself, and will also include insights into evaluating violins.

1:00 – 4:00 PM: VSA Makers Showcase – Atrium

This is a new activity for the VSA. Makers of violins, violas, cellos, basses, and their bows are invited to bring examples of their own handmade signature work. There will be an open house, inviting local musicians to come and try instruments and bows. They need not be for sale, but sales are fine if they happen. The space for display is limited; there will be room for everyone to display at least one bow or instrument. This is not an appropriate outlet for commercial or workshop instruments. Business cards and brochures can be on the table also, but no PowerPoints, slide-shows, or computer presentations -just the maker and the instrument or bow.

Saturday evening is free for dinner. There is a light-rail stop just outside the hotel, from which you can ride to the downtown harbour area in 15 minutes for only \$1.60 per person.

Sunday, November 6, 2011

8:00 AM – Noon – Vendor Tear Down

SILENT AUCTION!

The Violin Society will have a silent auction to benefit our scholarship fund. If you would like to donate to the auction we are accepting wood, tools, instruments, bows, books, and memorabilia. You can bring your donation with you, or send it to **International Violin Company, 1421 Clarkview Road, Suite 118 Baltimore, MD 21209 U.S.A;** **Attention: VSA Auction.** Items must arrive before October 28th.